



THE FAS LETTER..

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Dear Friends:

At this Christmas season, all of us in FAS at Washington extend to all of you our appreciation of the service you are rendering to U.S. agriculture at your far-flung posts.

Your hard and loyal work has heightened the stature and reputation of the Attache Service in the year now ending. The coming year offers opportunity for even greater achievement.

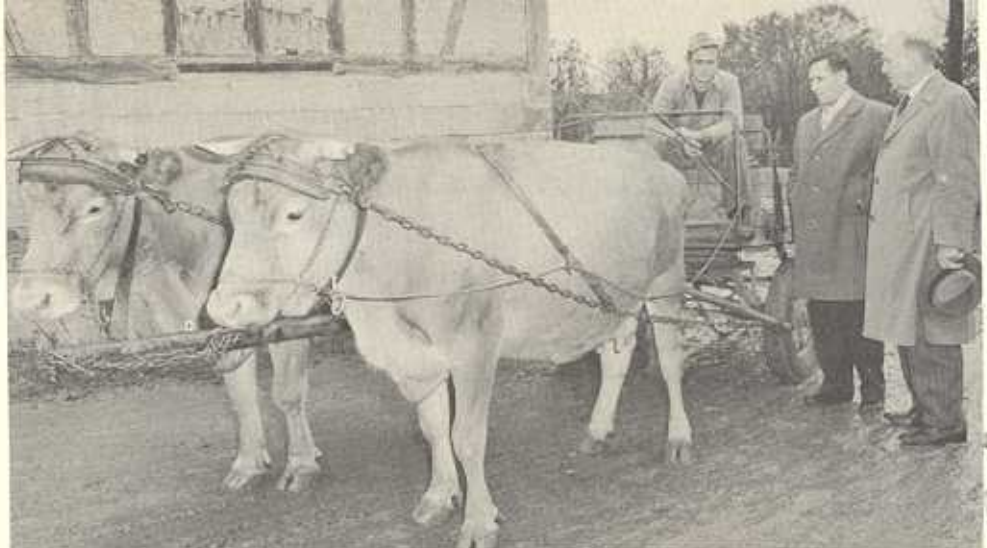
On behalf of myself and your many friends in FAS, I wish you and your families a joyful Yuletide and a New Year filled with health and happiness.

Max Myer



Morse Completes

EUROPEAN TRIP



Under Secretary of Agriculture True D. Morse (right) and Paul Hess (center), of the attache staff in Bonn, chat with a German farmer. In commenting on his visit to Germany and other West European countries while enroute to Rome as U.S. delegate to the FAO Council meeting, Under Secretary Morse stated:

"On my recent brief visit to farms and farming areas in six countries -- Switzerland, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Austria and Germany -- I saw progress and was again impressed by the wholesome, friendly attitude of farm people. This is hope for the future.

"These contacts were made in connection with my trip to Rome as United States delegate to the FAO Council Session. This agency is doing good work. I encountered generous expressions of appreciation for the help which the United States has extended to the various countries directly and through the several agencies in the United Nations family. There is a determination to continue to merit our confidence and share in the agricultural progress for the future."

OVERSEAS ACTIVITIES

Attaches in the U. S. for home leave and consultation or returning to their posts include: Paul J. Findlen, Rome; Fred W. Traeger, Rio; Francis Jack, Lima; and S. Cabell Shull, London.

Jim Lankford, new asst. attache in Bogota, set some sort of record for this modern age of high speed travel. He

completed his day's work in Washington on October 29, took a plane at 7 p.m., arrived in Bogota at 7 a.m. next morning and was at his desk ready for work at 8:30.

Claude Dobbins, former asst. attache in Bogota, recently returned to Washington for an assignment. Prior to leaving Bogota he received a fine citation from the Agricultural Society of Colombia for his "magnificent interest in Colombian problems and spirit of service on a plane of mutual benefit to the interests of his country and those of the Colombian people."

During 1958 the American attache staff in Bonn used their vacations to see neighboring countries. Brick and Mrs. Rehling toured France and then sunned themselves on Spain's Costa Brava. Paul and Mrs. Taggart drove across Denmark to Stockholm, Oslo and Bergen, reporting beautiful weather and scenery and outstanding fishing. Phil and Mrs. Eckert and their two daughters drove from the Rhine Valley to Athens and then homeward through Italy and over the Alps. All three agree there is truth in the German proverb "Reisen kostet Geld, aber man sieht die Welt" (Travel costs money, but one sees the world.)

Bob Anderson, London, reports Miss Audrey M. Butler has joined the staff to work mainly on matters pertaining to market development programs.

Patty Shannon, secretary to the attache at Brussels, was hospitalized while in Washington on home leave. Upon recovery she will return to Brussels.



Foreign Nationals Get

A LOOK AT U.S. AGRICULTURE

Foreign nationals from six agricultural attache posts recently completed study in the first FAS training school held in the U. S.

Highlights of this program included: Meeting with Under Secretary True D. Morse; a trip through the Mid-West and South with visits to Ohio State Univ., Univ. of Wisconsin, American Farm Bureau Federation, and points of interest around Chicago; meat packing industry in Omaha, research farms near St. Louis, cotton marketing in Memphis, TVA opera-

FAS TRAVEL

Charles H. Barber, Chief, Commodity Analysis Branch, Cotton Div., was group leader of the U.S. cotton team which recently returned from a 32 day, 10,000 mile inspection tour of Russian cotton fields and mills. The cotton team, one of six U. S. teams to go to Russia this year, made the trip under the terms of the U.S. - U.S.S.R. exchange program. A similar number of U.S.S.R. teams have been to the U. S.

Charlie also stopped in Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Poland, and the United Kingdom.

Art Cummings, Chief, Foreign Marketing Branch, Grain and Feed Div., is accompanying 3 trade representatives from the Washington Association of Wheat Growers, Nebraska Wheat Growers Association and the Millers National Feder-



tions around Knoxville, Tenn.; tobacco storage and marketing in Maryland; and a trip to the Eastern Shore to see various phases of the poultry industry.

The group (above, left) discussed soybean harvesting with farmer Henry J. Osterman, Denton, Maryland. (l-r) Ludvig I. Madsen, Copenhagen; Rolando P. Guzman, Santiago; Cornelis de Goede, Canberra; Hameed M. Farooqui, Karachi; Osterman; Roberto Solis, Mexico City; and Des Raj Gulati, New Delhi.

(above right) Gulati (left) and Madsen (center) examine turkeys with farm operator Edgar Watson on the Otis Esham broiler and turkey farm near Parsonsburg, Maryland.

ation to the Far East. The group will evaluate the success of completed and current market promotion activities and plan new promotion projects for wheat and wheat products. Art will also help with the U.S. exhibit at the New Delhi fair.

Quentin M. West, Chief, Far East Analysis Branch, Foreign Agricultural Analysis Div., was the U.S. delegate at the recent FAO Regional Conference held in Tokyo. On his return trip he stopped in New Delhi and Karachi.

Hamilton B. Cook, Program Operations Div., is manager of the U. S. exhibit at the New Delhi fair Dec. 10 to Jan. 10. Prior to arriving in New Delhi he stopped in Bangkok to confer with the attache and the operators of the recombined milk plant.



WASHINGTON STAFFS

Seated (l-r) Frances E. Wolf, Admin. Asst.; Max Myers, Administrator; Thelma L. Divver, Admin. Asst.; Lucille M. Seigel, clerk. Standing (l-r) Raymond A. Ioanes, Deputy Administrator; Ruth W. Readon, secretary; Joseph A. Becker, Asst. to the Administrator; Clarence M. Purves, Dir. of Statistics; Florence C. Adams, secretary; Ernest J. Hayes, Admin. Officer; Ola H. Covert, secretary; Abram L. Reed, Acting Dir. of Internal Audit.

ADMINISTRATOR'S STAFF

WHEAT TEAM IN DENMARK

The Great Plains Wheat Mission met with representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture and the wheat trade in Copenhagen. (l-r) Ambassador Peterson; Asst. Chairman Dietemeyer; Agric. Attache Elmer Reese; Pres. of the Nebraska Wheat Growers Ass'n., Inc. Carl Bruns.

A BIT OF XMAS CHEER

Attache positions Grade GS-15 and below have been brought under the competitive Civil Service. This is a goal we've been striving for. It will facilitate the FAS policy of rotation between field and Washington positions.



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LONDON,
ENGLAND

The London attaché staff is pictured in front of Franklin D. Roosevelt statue in Grosvenor Square. (l-r) Robert N. Anderson, Attache; Eleanor R. Birely, Admin. Asst.; S. Cabell Shull, Asst. Attache; T. R. L. Fraser, Agric. Analyst.; Katherine L. Hanks, Agric. Infor. Clerk; Sybil E. Jones, Agric. Assistant-Clerk-Steno.; and Larry F. Diehl, Asst. Attache.

..... ATTACHE STAFFS

The attaché staff in Lima poses with a statue of llamas at Paseo de la Republica, a park near the new American Embassy that is now under construction. (l-r) Francis Jack, asst. attache; Yolanda Cortinovis, secretary; Raquel Rosales, secretary; Julio Castilla (front row), mark. spec.; Francisco Bazo (in rear), mark. spec.; Clarence Pike, attache; and Ernesto Buitron, sr. agric. econ. asst.

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FAO COUNCIL MEETS IN ROME

The FAO Council held its 29th Session in Rome on October 27 to November 7. The Council is a 24-nation body elected by the 76-nation FAO Conference to serve as the governing body between biennial conferences. The United States Delegation, led by Under Secretary of Agriculture True D. Morse, included Oris V. Wells of AMS, Robert C. Tetro and Ralph W. Phillips of FAS, Robert Waring and Ursula H. Duffus of the Department of State, and Vincent M. Barnett, Clayton W. Whipple and Walter W. Sohl of the U. S. Embassy in Rome. Among the 40 items considered, two of general interest are mentioned.

A proposal for an international seed year in 1961, approved by the 1957 Session of the Conference, was strongly supported. This campaign aims at stimulating activities in countries, leading to more effective programs for production and distribution of improved seed. FAO, on its part, would facilitate the exchange of information.

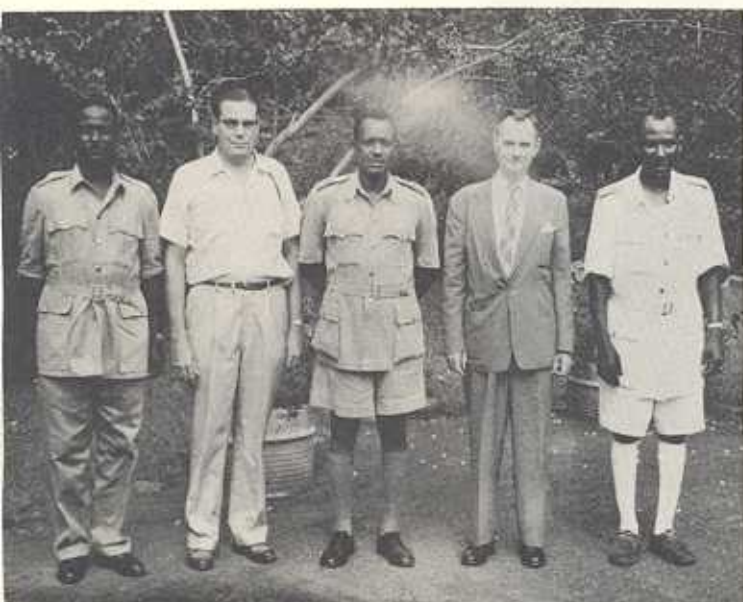
A proposal by the Director-General for an international food year was also discussed. It was agreed that such an effort should aim at substantial studies and discussions of the problems of food supply, rather than at a publicity campaign. An ad hoc committee of governments was set up to work with the Director-General in developing concrete proposals.

FOREIGN ASSIGNMENTS

Paul Overholtzer, Jr., formerly of the Africa and Middle East Analysis Branch, left on November 16 for Ankara where he will be asst. agricultural attache.

Ed Gorman, formerly of the Fruit and Vegetable Div., left Washington on December 20 for The Hague where he will be asst. agricultural attache.

John Kross, Brussels, returned recently for a Washington assignment.



Improved Agriculture

EHMAN REPORTS ON SUDAN

Frank Ehman, Cairo, describes Southern Sudan as a tropical area filled with forests, grasslands and native tribes, not to mention wild animals. Life goes on here as it has for thousands of years. However, the first steps in government and improved agriculture are now being made.

Frank reports a future for tobacco, coffee, timber, rice, sugar and dura in the area. Judging from experiences with elephants and herds of African buffalo during a walking safari near Nimule on the Uganda border, it seems certain that wild life resources in that area are far from extinct.

Frank accompanied Ambassador James Moose, Jr., Khartoum, Sudan on the recent on-the-spot observation of the Sudan. In the accompanying picture taken at Wau, you see (l-r) Mekki Hassan Abbo, the District Chief of Police, Attache Ehman, Gafar Hassan Abdul Nur, the Governor's Deputy, Ambassador Moose, and Awlain Hassan Allam, Governor of Bahr El Ghazal Province. The Governor remarked that hippopotami walked around the outside of his house during the night.